

Haya language

Haya (*Oluhaya*; *Swahili*: *Kihaya*) is a Bantu language spoken by the Haya people of Tanzania, in the south and southwest coast of Lake Victoria. In 1991, the population of Haya speakers was estimated at 1,200,000 people ^[1] (http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=hay).

Maho (2009) classifies JE221 Rashi as closest to Haya. It has no ISO code.

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Phonology

Consonants

Haya	
Ziba	
<i>Oluhaya</i> <i>Oruhaya'</i>	
Region	Tanzania
Ethnicity	Haya people
Native speakers	1.3 million (2006) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volta-Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northeast Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Great Lakes Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Haya–Jita (J.20)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Haya
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	hay
Glottolog	haya1250 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/haya1250) ^[2]
Guthrie code	JE.22 ^[3]

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	t			k	
	voiced	b	d			g	
<u>Affricate</u>	voiceless			tʃ			
	voiced			dʒ			
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless	f	s	ʃ			h
	voiced		z				
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ɲ		
<u>Approximant</u>			l		j	w	

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i iː		u uː
<u>Mid</u>	e eː		o oː
<u>Low</u>		a aː	

When a high vowel /i, u/ precedes a non-high vowel, it is realized as an approximant sound [j, w].

Tones

Two tones are present in Haya; high /́/ and low /̀/.^[4]

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 - <http://www.linguistics.berkeley.edu/CBOLD/Docs/TLS.html> (This webpage contains a Haya wordlist.)
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